

What is claimed is:

1. A system for communicating expressive images for a meeting, comprising:
 - a plurality of computers controlled by meeting participants;
 - a storage device capable of storing one or more collections of expressive images of each meeting participant;
 - a software application enabling each meeting participant to select an expressive image from the one or more collections of expressive images; and
 - a network connecting the plurality of computers,wherein each meeting participant communicates the selected expressive image to other meeting participants over the network during the meeting.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the plurality of computers are reduced functionality computing devices.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein expressive images are photographs of the meeting participant.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the selected expressive image is transmitted to a server over the network.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the selected expressive image is transmitted to a designated host over the network.
6. The system of claim 1, wherein the selected expressive image is transmitted to other computers on the network, and wherein each computer can simultaneously function as both a host and a client.
7. The system of claim 1, wherein the software application comprises modules for generating:
 - a photo control window capable of selecting the expressive image from the one or more collections of expressive images; and
 - a photo display window capable of displaying the selected expressive image on each meeting participant's computer.
8. The system of claim 1, wherein the software application allows each meeting participant to enter text labels associated with the selected one or more expressive images.
9. The system of claim 1, further comprising a digital camera operably connected to one of the plurality of computers for acquiring photographs of a meeting participant during a meeting.

10. The system of claim 1, further comprising a video camera operably connected to one of the plurality of computers for acquiring real-time video of a meeting participant during a meeting.
11. The system of claim 1, wherein the storage device is located on a server.
12. The system of claim 1, wherein the storage device is located on each meeting participant's computer.
13. A method for communicating expressive images for a meeting, comprising:
 - launching a software application on a computer controlled by a meeting participant;
 - connecting the computer to other meeting participants' computers over a network;
 - enabling the meeting participant to select a first expressive image from one or more collections of expressive images stored in a storage device; and
 - communicating the selected first expressive image to other meeting participants' computers over the network during the meeting.
14. The method of claim 13, further comprising enabling the meeting participant to select a second expressive image to replace the first expressive image, wherein the second expressive image is communicated to other meeting participants' computers over the network.
15. The method of claim 13, further comprising acquiring photographs of a meeting participant during a meeting using a digital camera operably connected to the computer.
16. The method of claim 13, further comprising acquiring real-time video of a meeting participant during a meeting using a video camera operably connected to the computer.
17. The method of claim 13, further comprising using a reduced function computing device for communicating the selected first expressive image and subsequent images.
18. The method of claim 13, further comprising enabling the meeting participant to enter text labels associated with the selected first expressive image.
19. A computer readable medium providing instruction for communicating expressive images for meetings, the instructions comprising:
 - launching a software application on a computer controlled by a meeting participant;
 - connecting the computer to other meeting participants' computers over a network;
 - enabling the meeting participant to select a first expressive image from one or more collections of expressive images stored in a storage device; and

communicating the selected first expressive image to other meeting participants' computers over the network during the meeting.

20. The computer readable medium of claim 19, further comprising instructions for acquiring photographs of a meeting participant during a meeting using a digital camera operably connected to the computer.

21. A system for communicating expressive images for a meeting, comprising:

means for connecting a computer controlled by a meeting participant to other meeting participants' computers over a network;

means for selecting a first expressive image by the meeting participant from one or more collections of expressive images stored in a storage device; and

means for communicating the selected first expressive image to other meeting participants' computers over the network during the meeting.